

The BOOKMARK

Newsletter of the Gale Free Library

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Library Hours

Monday 9:30 am-5:30 pm
Tuesday 9:30 am-8 pm
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Friday 9:30 am-5:30 pm
Saturday 9 am-4 pm

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Recipes for "Being Thankful"



*Photos from
October's Cooking Club*

On Tuesday, October 8, the Library's Cooking Club program, "Mystery Historic Recipes," featured recipes from the pre-1950 volumes in the local cookbook collection that is a part of our Local History Room. A few days before the program, club members selected an envelope containing a recipe that they could make at home, then bring in the night of the program to talk about and share. All of the recipes were for breads and desserts, and one recipe, for chocolate blanc mange, belonged to the Gale Free's first Librarian, Addie (Black) Holden. Local History Librarian Nancy Richards attended the meeting to talk a little about former foodways and to answer any questions members might have about their chosen recipes.

Since the theme of the November Cooking Club program is "being thankful," we thought our readers might enjoy reading a few old local recipes for some of the breads served at dinner, supper, or on holidays.

The recipes featured on page 4 are copied directly from their respective cookbooks.

Library News

- The Library will be closed Monday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day. We will reopen Tuesday, November 12 at 9:30am.
- The Library will be closed Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29 for Thanksgiving. We will reopen Saturday, November 30 at 9am.
- On November 19, see the world through the eyes of our travelling Reference Librarian, Magda, as she revisits her home country of Poland. See page 2 for further details.
- "Staff Art Show!" Who knew the Gale Free staff was so creative? Visit the Upstairs Lobby November 2-30 to see their artwork and craftwork. A combination of original concepts and artwork created during our fantastic library programs will be shared. Can you guess who made what?

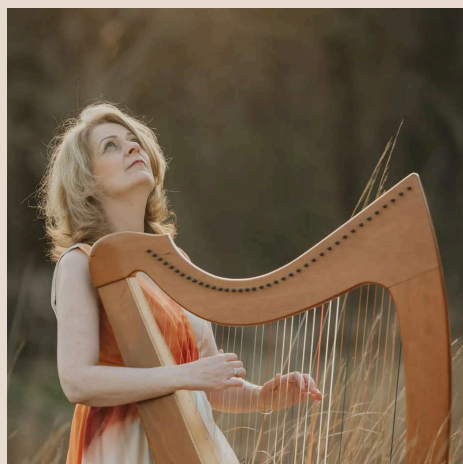
Adult Programs, Art Exhibits

"An Evening of Irish Harp and Vocals with Áine Minogue"

Thursday, November 7
6pm

Registration required.

We are happy to welcome Irish harpist and vocalist Aine Minogue to the Gale Free Library. Born and raised in County Tipperary, Ireland, Áine Minogue is an award-winning harpist, singer, arranger, and composer who has entertained Presidents and Prime Ministers and traveled extensively to perform at concerts across the United States and around the world. With a dozen solo album recordings to her credit, Áine has been nominated for several awards for her work as a record producer. Her music, in varying styles, including Celtic, World, Folk, Spiritual, and acoustic, has appeared on compilations for industry labels such as BMG, Decca, Universal, Sony, and Virgin Records. In addition, she has completed extensive soundtrack work for PBS, NBC, CBS, ABC, FOX, and MTV. *The Boston Globe* has said "...this Irish harpist combines a hypnotic Celtic spirituality and contemporary sophistication in her playing and delicately lovely singing."



For more information or to register for a program, please contact the Reference Desk at 508-210-5569 or email us at galefreelibrary@gmail.com.

Adult Take-Home Craft

Starts Monday, 11/4

Please visit the Reference Desk
for your kit.

This month's take-home craft is a "Fall Leaf Bowl"! Pick up your DIY craft kit at the Reference Desk (while supplies last). Every bag will contain free supplies and instructions. No registration required.

Cooking Club

"Dishes We Are Thankful For"

Tuesday, 11/12

6:30pm

Registration required.

We invite you to share a special recipe and dish that you are thankful for and would like others to taste. Consider joining us and sharing the story about why this particular recipe has a special place on your menu!

The Craft of Writing Workshop with Jennifer Freed "Memoir II"

Thursday, 11/14

10:30am-12pm

Online via Zoom.

Registration required.

We'll look at excerpts from published memoirs and discuss techniques to shape and edit a story to keep it moving forward.

Author Talk

Royce A. Singleton, Jr.

Thursday, 11/14

6pm

Registration required.

A Professor Emeritus at College of the Holy Cross, the author will be discussing the inspiration for and development of his self-published novel *At Home and At Sea*. Please see page 5 for a full description of this program.

"Mornings with Maggie!"

Saturday, 11/16

10:30-11:30am

Our friend Maggie will be back to spend some time with us and brighten our day! Maggie and her person, Kelly, are a certified therapy team through the Alliance of Therapy Dogs. No registration required.

"Traveling Librarian!"

Tuesday, 11/19

6pm

Registration required.

Live vicariously through our Reference Librarian Magda as she presents pictures and stories from her recent trip to Poland, her home country. Light refreshments will be provided.

Classics Book Group

Thursday, 11/21

6:30pm

Registration
required.



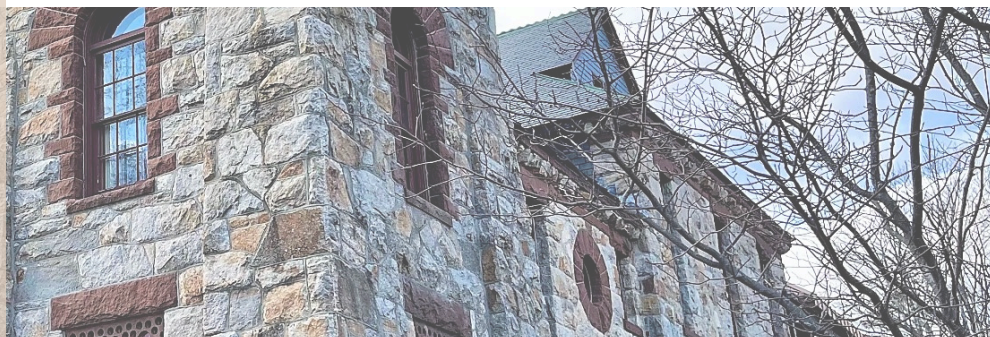
Join us as we discuss "The Dead" found in James Joyce's *Dubliners*. Copies of the book can be picked up at the Reference Desk.

Weekly Knitting & Crocheting Group

Mondays, 1-2:30pm

We offer an in-person meeting, as well as a virtual meeting. (No registration is needed for the in-person meeting. For the virtual meeting, please contact the Library for an invitation.) All are welcome, from beginners to experienced!

Children's & Teens' Programs



Beeswax Candles Cottage Craft

Tuesday, 11/19

4:20 PM

Ages 6+

Registration opens 11/12.

Create a beautiful centerpiece or gift out of all-natural beeswax sheets!



Turkey Tunes with Miss Jessica

Friday, 11/22

10 AM

Ages 2-5

To register please email

communityconnections@wachusettcfce.com

Sing and dance along with Miss Jessica to celebrate Thanksgiving!



Morning Yoga

Saturday, 11/23

10 AM

Ages 6-9

Registration opens 11/16

Join local yogi mother-daughter team Mrs. Erin and Lily for some weekend stretching to educate the mind, body, and spirit. Students will learn some basic yoga poses and philosophy, practice relaxation skills, and develop body awareness, all while having fun!

LEGO Club

Wednesday, 11/6 and 11/13

4:20 PM

Ages 6+

Registration opens 10/30 and 11/6

Help build a cityscape and floats for the LEGO Macy's Day Parade!

LEGO Jr.

Thursday, 11/14

4:20 PM

Ages 4-5

Registration opens 11/7

Help build a cityscape and floats for the LEGO Macy's Day Parade!

Graphic Novel Book Club

Thursday, 11/21

4:20 PM

Grades 4+

Registration opens 11/4

Come read and discuss *Tiffany's Griffon* by Magnolia Porter Siddell and Maddi Gonzalez! We will also discuss art and how graphic novels are made. Once you register, visit the Children's Room to borrow your copy of the graphic novel.

Angora Wool Spinning

Wednesday, 11/20

4:20 PM

Ages 6+

Registration opens 11/13

Join Winterberry Homestead to learn all about Angora wool! Brush a fluffy Angora rabbit to gather wool, then make your own wooden drop spindle to spin that wool into yarn!

Teen Program

Dungeons and Dragons

Tuesday, 11/12

3:45-5:45 PM

Grades 6+

In the Program Room

Registration opens 11/5

Join the party for a second-level adventure! This session is appropriate for new and experienced players alike. You can come with your own second-level character or choose from a premade sheet.

All programs take place in the Program Room unless otherwise noted.



Story Times



Lapsit Story Time

Ages 2 and under

Thursdays at 10 AM

(Except 11/28)

In the Program Room

Join Miss Rachel for songs, short picture-book stories, and more. This story time will focus on routine, repetition, and early literacy skills like ABCs and 123s.

Preschool Story Time

Ages 3-6

Thursdays at 11 AM

(Except 11/28)

In the Program Room

Join Mr. Kevin for lots of laughs and fun stories! This story time will focus on picture-book stories, and include some games or activities and of course Mr. Kevin's great sense of humor!

Want info about all the goings-on in the Children's Room sent right to your inbox?

Sign up for our new email list at bit.ly/gflkidsemail.

You can also keep up with us on the Gale Free Kids Facebook page and at galefreelibrary.org.

Historical Recipes, Local History

From the Archives Historical Holiday Recipes

BUNS (1882)

One pint of scalded milk, while milk is warm add one-half coffee-cup sugar, one-half cup butter, two-thirds cup yeast, flour to make a batter. Let it rise over night. In morning add one-half cup butter, one-half cup sugar to roll. Let it stand and rise till it is light; then mould and cut out like bisquits. Let them rise again. Before and after baking, ice them over with sugar and milk. If you wish add cup currants.

Mrs. J. D. Black

Mrs. Black was Addie (Black) Holden's mother.

SQUASH BISCUIT (1916)

½ c. squash (steamed and strained)

¼ c. sugar

½ tsp. salt

¼ c. butter

½ c. scalded milk

¼ yeast cake dissolved

¼ c. water

2½ c. flour

Add squash, sugar, salt and butter to milk. When lukewarm, add yeast dissolved in ¼ cup water, and flour. Cover and let rise over night. In morning shape into bisquits, let rise and bake.
Mrs. G. E. Moor

REFRIGERATOR ROLLS (1945)

1 yeast cake

½ cup lukewarm water

1 teaspoon salt

2/3 cup shortening

½ cup sugar

2 eggs, beaten

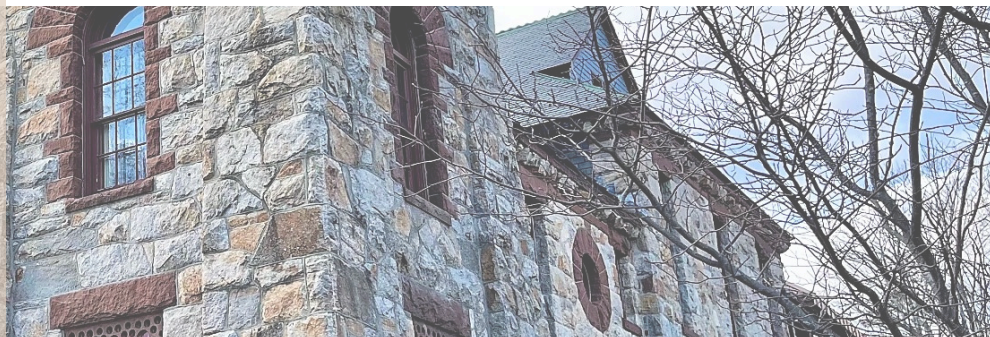
1 cup mashed potato (about 4 medium)

1 cup milk, scalded

Flour to make stiff dough.

Cook potatoes unsalted and don't use milk when mashing. Dissolve yeast in lukewarm water. Put shortening, sugar and salt in large bowl. Add hot mashed potato and scalded milk. Mix well. Cool. Add beaten egg and yeast, then flour; knead well. Rub top with shortening, cover tightly and place in refrigerator. Use as needed. Shape and let rise. Bake at 425 degrees 15 to 20 minutes.

Lillian Erickson



Local History



Did you know that five different histories of the Town of Holden have been published thus far, beginning in 1841? To introduce our patrons to these histories, Local History plans to present excerpts from each book in the current and several subsequent issues of "The Bookmark." Copies of all five histories can be checked out from the Library.

Excerpts from S. C. Damon's

The History of Holden, Massachusetts, 1667-1841, cont'd.

"... [T]he spirit which animated the citizens of Holden [in 1741] still burns in the bosoms of their descendants. Good schools and good preaching have always received a liberal support from the inhabitants of this town.

"During the year 1741, a school of 3 months was maintained, commencing the 1st of September. ... The town, by an [sic] unanimous vote, July 19, 1742, invited the Rev. Joseph Davis to enter upon the work of the gospel ministry in town.*

"... The interesting exercises of Mr. Davis' ordination were performed December 22, 1742. Four of the neighboring churches were represented by their Pastors and Delegates, viz, Lancaster, Worcester, Shrewsbury, and Rutland. A church was regularly organized the same day, consisting of fourteen members. All were males.

"... Before proceeding to speak of events in the revolutionary war as they affected the progress of affairs in Holden,** I shall notice some records preserved among our church and town papers. In 1759, Daniel Henchman, Esq., of Boston, gave to the town, the spot of land occupied for the first burying ground, measuring 12 rods long, and 10 rods broad.*** Additions have since been made increasing the area to its present dimensions.

"... During the early history of the town frequent mention is made that public schools were kept at houses of private persons. In 1752, a school was kept 3 months at Mr. Joseph Hubbard's house : another school, the same year, at Lieut. Cyprian Stevens' house. ... Tradition reports that the first school house was erected in the east part of the town, in the neighborhood of the Bullard place.

"... [Regarding the Revolutionary War] The resolves of the Boston patriots [the Boston Committee of Correspondence] were cordially responded to from the most retired villages in the Province. The citizens of Holden passed fourteen resolutions, making known in their most unequivocal language their sentiments.

"... '1. "Resolved, That Liberty, both Religious and civil, is a most precious and inestimable gift of the great and glorious Creator of all things, granted to all rational creatures; ...

"... '6. "We are assured that no political community on earth can truly enjoy Liberty without civil government; Therefore, civil government is an invaluable divine blessing; and Anarchy is the greatest of public evils—one only excepted, that is a state of complete and confirmed Tyranny."

Holden supplied 70 male residents to the impending war; the population of Holden at the time was 750.

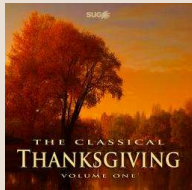
*The Reverend Joseph Davis was the first minister of Holden's First Congregational Church.

**As noted in the initial excerpts from this history, the Reverend Damon delivered the historical address at the Centennial Celebration of Holden, May 4, 1841.

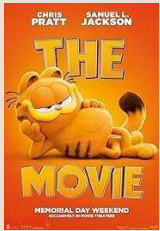
***The cemetery described here is the Old Burying Ground, which was sited to the west of what are now Route 31 and the Mobil Station.

Be on the Lookout for...

Staff Picks



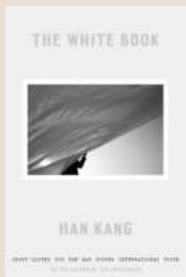
The Classical Thanksgiving
Volume One
Various Artists
Available on
Freegal Music*
Spencer



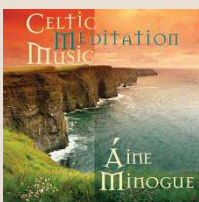
The Garfield Movie
2024-PG
"A fun family film!"
Wendy



Autumn
George Winston
Available on
Hoopla*
Spencer

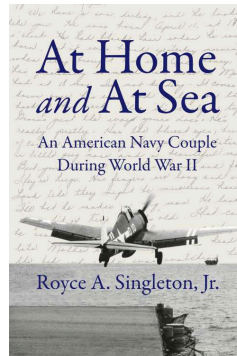


The White Book
by Han Kang
The winner of the
2024 Nobel Prize
in Literature
Magda



Celtic Meditation Music
Áine Minogue
Available on
Freegal Music*
Spencer

*Freegal Music and Hoopla are services available to Holden residents. For more information, please see our website at galefreelibrary.org.



Author Talk Royce A. Singleton, Jr.

Thursday, November 14
6pm
In the Program Room.
Registration required.

At Home and at Sea is the true story of a young couple, Becky and Royce Singleton, during the 13 months that Royce, a navy fighter pilot, was at sea during World War II.

Letters from Becky to Royce capture what it was like to be living at home in Oklahoma City, pregnant, working, managing the finances, preparing for childbirth, then becoming a mother, all while planning for a future with her new husband. These experiences are set against war conditions on the home front, including rationing, the USO, war bonds, Victory gardens, and the housing shortage.

Royce's time at sea corresponds to the Central Pacific offensive. His ship and air group supported every battle, from the first amphibious landing at Tarawa to General Douglas MacArthur's return to the Philippines at Leyte, where U.S. and Japanese forces engaged in the largest naval battle ever fought.

Ultimately, this is a love story of a couple in their first years of marriage, living apart and maintaining a relationship under the uncertainty and stress of the war.

A Professor Emeritus at College of the Holy Cross, the author will be discussing the inspiration for and development of his self-published novel as well as providing an overview of the battles in the central Pacific. To register for this program, please call the Reference Desk at 508-210-5569 or email us at galefreelibrary@gmail.com.

